

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, replace the paragraph beginning at line 3 with the following:

This is a continuation of Serial No. 09/379,074, filed 8/23/99, entitled METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR REMOTE PROCESS CONTROL, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/700,199, filed 8/20/96, entitled METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR REMOTE PROCESS CONTROL (the teachings both of which are incorporated herein by reference). The invention pertains to process control and has application to remote process control.